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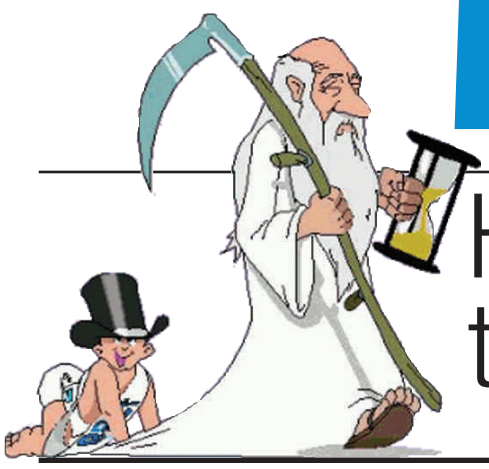

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Away from a manger

Baby Jesus stolen from city display

BY LAURA HANNAM

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AN empty manger presented a sad image to shoppers this Christmas after the baby Jesus was stolen from a nativity scene in thecentre:mk.

Managers at the shopping centre are calling for the culprits to return the figure which may be hard to replace as it is part of a set.

Staff noticed the plaster-cast figure was missing from the display at Queens Court at noon on Friday, December 14.

They believe it was stolen either that morning or the night before.

The nativity scene has been used at the Centre:mk for around eight years and was once used to decorate Middleton Hall, before the shopping centre bought a new set a couple of years ago.

The figure is usually displayed beneath a wooden shelter with Mary kneeling close to the child overlooked by Joseph, the three kings, a shepherd holding a lamb, a donkey, sheep and a cow.

Jackie Tracey, spokesman for Centre:mk said staff are still hoping the figure will be returned safely.

"We did have one go missing a few years ago but it was only a few hours before it was returned, so we were rather hoping this would be the same," she said.

"It is looking very sad, it is such a shame and we can't understand why anyone would do this.

"We are asking for the perpetrators to bring back the baby Jesus and no questions will be asked. We are not out to get anybody, we would just like baby Jesus back."

Mrs Tracey said thecentre:mk would wait to see whether the model will turn up before attempting to replace the figure.

"We will have to see whether we can buy one figure on its own."

She added: "Every year we find we have to take more and more precautions to prevent this kind of thing but we don't want to have to put everything behind glass.

"You shouldn't let the activity of a very very small minority spoil the enjoyment of the majority."

SEVEN-FOOT tall actor and ex-professional basketball player Jeff Rudom, found time in between his busy performance schedule for a quick one-on-one game with league leaders MK Lions' Mike New.

Jeff plays the Genie in Aladdin at MK Theatre.

At 6ft 9ins, Mike is the Lions' tallest player, but at around 10ft in his magnificent costume the massive and mystical Genie clearly had the advantage over the star player.

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Cannabis farms grow across city

BY ROB GIBSON
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CANNABIS farms are growing across Milton Keynes as organised crime spreads from London say police.

Sixteen cannabis farms have been uncovered this year in Milton Keynes but Assistant Chief Constable George Wilson believes others remain undiscovered.

Residents have been urged to report any suspicious activity and landlords have also been alerted to the possibility of tenants who convert their properties into farms to cultivate cannabis – an illegal class C drug.

ACC Wilson said: "Milton Keynes was unaffected until this year but now it's an increasing problem because of the way organised criminal groups are spreading from London.

"We know from arrests that a significant amount of farms are run by Vietnamese individuals.

"We're probably finding most of the farms but there could be others we don't know about."

According to police the majority of cases involve ordinary terraced or semi-detached houses which are specifically bought or rented for the sole purpose of growing cannabis.

Houses are kitted out with special hydroponic equipment which can produce up to £70,000 worth of cannabis every 11 or 12 weeks.

ACC Wilson said: "During the last 12 months Thames Valley Police has seen a marked increase in Vietnamese linked cannabis houses.

"These farms can cause thousands of pounds worth of damage to the properties.

"In many cases the electricity is by-passed which could cause electrocution or even a fire."

He added that some criminals install booby traps including window and door frames wired to the electricity.

In April police uncovered a secret cannabis farm in Bletchley, at the home of murdered electrician Doug Belcher.

They found £10,000 of fully cultivated cannabis plants through a passage beneath the staircase.

Thames Valley Police have issued a list of warning signs including windows which are permanently covered from the inside, visitors at unusual times of the day or night and a pungent smell coming from the premises.

If you suspect a property is being used as a cannabis factory contact the police on 08458 505505.

Drugs harvest: Police outside a house on Mercers Drive, Bradville where a cannabis farm was operating in May

Homeless charity cash could be chopped by more than half

A HOMELESS charity could have its budget slashed by £50,000.

Workers at Shelter in Central Milton Keynes fear for the future of the city's homeless after the council proposed to cut its grant by 54 per cent.

The budget is out for consultation until February 4.

Shelter's aim is that everyone should have a home. It offers housing advice, runs campaigns and carries out research to find long-term solutions to homelessness.

Helene Vancliff, manager of Shelter Milton Keynes in the Food Centre, said: "In terms of homelessness there are still more street homeless people than the council would admit."

The bad news comes at the same time that a drop-in service for the city's homeless received two years funding from Lloyds TSB Foundation.

In March it looked as though the whole Open Door service, which offers food and support to homeless people, could be axed due to a lack of funds.

The drop-in centre is currently open one day a week at Conniburrow. Homeless people can pick up clothes and toiletries at the centre, get a meal, socialise, and speak to advisers from other agencies.

More homeless: Helene Vancliff, manager of Shelter Milton Keynes situated in the Food Centre

Now organisers hope to open a second weekly session in Bletchley and to employ an adviser to assist co-ordinator Liz Sabey.

But the funding will not cover the cost of lunches provided by the Salvation Army which is £2.50 per head, per week .

To provide the service, which includes support from local agencies such as mental health and drugs outreach advisers, nutritionists, chiropodists and hairdressers, costs £9 per head each week.

Open Door would like businesses to sponsor a homeless person by paying the weekly charge.

Homeless Jonathan Carruthers, 21, has been using the drop-in since it started.

Earlier this year he said: "If this stopped, I would cry. The funding has helped so many people in need."

It is the only project of its kind that covers all ages.

Cllr Sam Crooks, cabinet member with responsibility for finance, said of the potential cut to Shelter's budget: "We are only out for consultation, no decisions have been made yet.

"Helene came and presented the case at the cabinet meeting on December 18 and we'll make a final decision in February.

"The council is now seeing a lot of people directly about housing needs. We felt we might need to use Shelter less.

"But this is exactly the kind of debate we want to have."

This is not just karaoke singing ... this is world champ karaoke singing

SHOPPERS were serenaded as the consumer rush hit the city centre on Saturday.

Former world karaoke champion Uche Eke, from Heelands, took requests as customers queued at Marks & Spencer in thecentre:mk.

The 38-year-old sang hits from Luther Vandross to The Rat Pack.

Organiser and local dj Carl Appleton said: "Uche is one of the best singers in Milton Keynes and they loved him.

"Christmas shopping can be a little stressful so hopefully this helped them to relax."

'Highest praise' for witness to baseball bat gang attack

BY ALICIA BABAEE

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A JUDGE has praised a witness whose courageous actions may have prevented a murder in Milton Keynes last January.

The attempted murder at Benbow Court in Shenley Church End could have been fatal if rugby coach Geoffrey Harman hadn't acted so quickley.

He was witness to an attack by a gang armed with a knife and baseball bats, which left the victim with stab wounds.

A judge said another man present, an ex-Royal Marine who had also been an armed bodyguard in Iraq, was left 'quaking with fear on the sidelines'.

Mr Harman told Luton Crown Court last week: "What I saw was way beyond anything in my experience.

"It was vicious. The attack was continuing unabated. I started to walk towards the scene and shouted to leave the man alone.

"It was like a red mist had come down and they were completely focused on beating him. I started to attract their attention and one or two ran off.

"But I had eye contact with the one remaining and he came towards me.

"I could see something knife shaped in his hand. I was thinking 'this was not such a good idea', but I stayed put and held my ground, then he turned his back on me and ran off."

Judge John Bevan QC said Mr Harman deserved 'the highest praise' and a reward from the High Sheriff.

He said: "This was a fight between two serious combatants.

"By effectively facing this man down he prevented the continuation of the attack which could have resulted in the man's death."

The comments were made after the attacker, 38-year-old Samuel Barratt of Robertson Close, Shenley Church End, was given an indefinite sentence on Friday for public protection.

He was convicted of attempted murder at Luton Crown Court last month after pleading not guilty.

He was told he must serve a minimum of seven-and-a-half years before being able to apply for parole, which will not automatically be granted.

Barratt, armed with a knife and two or three other men armed with baseball bats ambushed the victim on January 5 this year over a debt.

The victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had life threatening stab wounds to his stomach but has since made a recovery. He did not give evidence to the court.

The attack was also seen by children who were distraught, the court heard.

Barratt admitted causing grievous bodily harm in an unrelated matter to a man at the Frog and Nightgown pub in Newport Pagnell on October 8 last year.

Michael Fowler, prosecuting, said on that occasion Barratt accused the other man, Paul Dryden, of staring at him and head butted him fracturing his cheek bone.

He was given a concurrent sentence of three years for that offence.

Acting DCI Ray Summers said: "Samuel Simpson Barrett carried out a vicious and nasty attack at the beginning of this year. It is comforting to know that the court also agreed with this and that he will be ending the year just starting his prison sentence.

"Barrett had no regard for public safety. He blatantly carried out violence, using a weapon, in a public place at a time when many children and workers would be walking home.

"He appears to be one of a small number of sickening criminals who carry weapons on them while out and about in our city. Knife crime is low in Milton Keynes and officers will continue to catch those who do carry knives with the intention of using them and will do everything they can to ensure they are brought to justice."

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A great MK year

SIR – What a wonderful year it has been for Milton Keynes.

First it celebrated the fact that it is 40 years young.

Then it was graced by Her Majesty The Queen.

I think that the rest of the country is finally starting to see what Milton Keynes is all about.

A vibrant, exciting and forward thinking place to live and work.

I think every resident of Milton Keynes should think themselves very lucky to live in such a unique place.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr J Walker
Middleton

Thanks for supporting kids throughout 2007

SIR – I would like to publicly thank all of your readers across Milton Keynes who have supported the NSPCC over the last year and helped us make a difference to the lives of abused and neglected children across the region.

Whether they have helped us by campaigning on our behalf, given donations, attended or helped at events or simply taken the trouble to read our literature and raised awareness by talking about the plight of the most vulnerable children in our society, your support is much appreciated.

Thanks to your hard work and generosity many children are looking forward to a happier new year than last year, but there is still much more the NSPCC wants to do.

It is a sad fact that there are many children who have nothing to look forward to this New Year. Sixteen per cent of children have experienced serious maltreatment and three quarters of children who have been sexually abused never tell at the time. Saddest of all, at least one child dies at the hands of their parents or carers every week, and the people most likely to suffer a violent death are babies under 12 months old.

Working very hard to protect children from cruelty, the NSPCC is helping children who have been abused, rebuild their lives and face the future with hope, all year round. But we rely heavily on the public's generosity to fund this vital work – 85 per cent of NSPCC funding comes from voluntary donations.

There are many different ways you can help make a difference to the lives of young children. We are always looking for more volunteers to join or form their own fundraising group and if you are interested I would love to hear from you. Please call me on 07976 065037 or contact the appeals office on 01908 328060 if you can help in any way.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Sally Phipps
NSPCC community fundraising manager for Milton Keynes.

Wrong, wrong, wrong

SIR – The decision taken by the planning committee of Milton Keynes Council to approve the environmentally disastrous wind farm in Emberton can only be described as the wrong decision made on a wind farm application at the wrong time, proposed in the wrong place.

Indeed Cllr John Bint summed the situation up quite succinctly when he suggested that what the committee was being asked to decide upon was destroying 'first division countryside for fourth division wind (power)'.

I believe that the process itself was fundamentally undermined by the quality of the advice given by officers to the elected members.

Inexperienced in determining wind farm applications the decision was taken to obtain advice from White Young Green partners, a consultancy well known in the property sector as being one of the more aggressive supporters of development.

Asking WYG to offer advice on whether or not to approve the decision to press ahead with such a damaging scheme was akin to asking turkeys their views on the abolition of Christmas: a foregone conclusion before they began.

Indeed having read their submission it is apparent that it weighs less heavily on the arguments against the development as for.

Cllr Bint got less than satisfactory answers from WYG's representatives on the accuracy of the photomontage and questions went unanswered as to why 125m turbines were necessary if, as YourEnergy claim, technology is advancing.

I urge BLEW to consider mounting a legal challenge as a matter of urgency and seek to have the decision referred to a judicial review.

But what of the community? Emberton is a village in conflict with itself.

The parish council and the majority of residents have expressed their opposition to the scheme.

Indeed 86 per cent of residents polled by the council wanted the application turned down.

Petsoe has been the scene of angry protests in recent months and this has not been helped by one or two residents attempting to give the false impression that there is muted support for the schemee, claims that are only leading to resentment and ill feeling.

The challenge now to the village is to try and reconcile itself and to try and heal the divisions that exist.

As a resident I will do all I can in the coming months, however I think it is important to recognise that the blame for what has happened does not rest with individuals but with YourEnergy who have cynically sought to exploit Government subsidy with utter indifference to the consequences.

Should this scheme go ahead the residents of Emberton will have to try to find a way to put recent events behind them.

I doubt very much that once YourEnergy have repaid their venture capital and run off with their subsidies leaving behind their monstrous wind turbines, unproductive and thus unmaintained, you will not see the 'caring, considerate face' of their PR machine attempting pacify the community as they will be long gone.

How sad that not enough of our councillors recognised the dangers in time to prevent the potential devastation their decision will no doubt cause.

Keith Fraser
Conservative Party spokesman
Sherington Ward

Another fine mess

SIR – May I wish the dog foulers of Walnut Tree a thoroughly miserable Christmas and unhappy New Year?

Yet again I return from the school run to clean dog mess from my shoe, or that of my two small daughters and the buggy wheels.

All of the paths and redways leading to the lower and middle school are strewn with dog foul, some of which is even in the centre of the path.

More than 400 children attend these schools using these pathways.

If I should catch you, whoever you are, I will do everything in my power to ensure you receive the £1,000 fine for this disgusting behaviour.

Then you're probably not intelligent enough to read this column.

Sarah Spicer
Twinflower, Walnut Tree

Misquote

SIR – Ref your article on ambulance response times

Overall, it is balanced and fair and an accurate representation of what we are trying to achieve.

Can you please correct the misquote regarding the type of calls our RRVs will respond to?

I made it clear that they do and will continue to respond to life-threatening emergency calls.

Your article quotes me as saying they do not.

Helen Robinson-Gordon. ACIPR
PR and communications manager
South Central Ambulance Service

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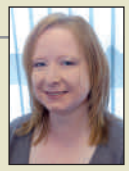

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Parents form a human barrier accross the Yardley Road as children rush home from school on the last day of term at Olney Middle School

Child road death fears at school with no crossing

BY ALICIA BABAEE
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A CHILD will be injured or killed in Olney if the council doesn't put a pedestrian crossing in.

That's the message from campaigning parents whose children attend Olney Middle School on Yardley Road.

They say there have been several near misses.

A petition for a crossing has 538 signatures .

Although there is a lollipop lady working on Yardley Road on most weekdays, parents fear for the days and times that she is not there.

Recently the council had trouble recruiting after the last one left.

The school is on the brow of a hill, which makes visibility poor.

There are 369 students ranging from seven to ten years old.

Olney resident Rachael Passee, whose son is at the school, helped to set up the petition.

She said: "I would prefer to see a proper pedestrian crossing.

"I did a little tally one morning and I counted 243 cars in 20 minutes. It's a busy road, there are a lot of commuters going that way and you have a third of the school crossing that road.

"I know there have been four near misses now, I have witnessed two and I've been told of two more.

"We are really close to some sort of accident."

City MP Mark Lancaster has been helping with the campaign.

The recently built nearby secondary school has its own pedestrian crossing which is compulsory for new schools and cost around £30,000.

The middle school is being encouraged to open more hours and parents are concerned that children will have to cross the road earlier, or later, than the lollipop lady will be working.

Mrs Passee added: "I really want that crossing and so do so many other parents. If something happens on the day the lollipop lady is off then Milton Keynes Council is quite frankly going to have blood on its hands."

Oceana cops commended for failed life saving effort

THE police officers who tried to save the life of Simon McCarthy outside Oceana nightclub have been commended.

Fifteen police officers, police staff and volunteers from Milton Keynes were honoured at a special ceremony at the city's police station, including PCs Joe Mabuto and Sean Cook.

They received commendations for their courage, commitment and professionalism after they were first at the scene of the death of Simon McCarthy on Saturday, February 24.

They began resuscitating Mr McCarthy and continued for more than 20 minutes.

Fellow officer Mark Ridley was also commended for his part taking initial control of the scene which involved 19 door staff, more than 50 bar staff and nearly 300 customers.

Inspector Geoff Robinson was praised for his outstanding leadership and professionalism during the unprecedented series of incidents that occurred across the city on that same day.

Within a short space of time officers were called to the murder of Lucas Rozanski in Fishermead and the death of Mr McCarthy, a violent domestic incident in Fishermead and a house fire in New Bradwell which had been deliberately started.

PC Alan Clark received a commander's commendation, Fleet Support Officer John Ward was commended for providing a quality service to all police staff, and PC Ian Canty and PC Steven Prestige were also commended.

Building Services Engineering Officer Gerry Freeman retires today following 21 years service and was also commended.

Five people were given commendations for their dedication and commitment as volunteers for the local police service.

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Off yer bike! Part of city centre closed to cyclists

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CYCLISTS say they have lost out after a public highway in the city centre was acquired by English Partnerships (EP) for development.

The land surrounding Witan Gate will be stopped up following a ruling by a district judge after EP applied for the order.

The Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC), of which there are 1,000 members, says the move has had massive implications for them.

They can no longer legally access the underpasses contained within the affected area.

Phil Ashbourne, CTC member, said: "The stopping up will result in cyclists being effectively prevented from cycling to and from the existing underpasses - an absurdity.

"English Partnerships has told us we can still use the route but if there was an accident there's a question of insurance.

"We are concerned. It's not just affecting cyclists, it poses legal questions about people in wheelchairs."

Cyclists have used the land affected by the order for nearly 30 years.

Now they will be forced to share the busy Witan Gate road and the boulevards with motor traffic.

Mr Ashbourne has contacted MPs and Milton Keynes Council over the issue. He was part of the team that designed Milton Keynes and says such changes were never in the plans.

No way through: Cyclist Philip Ashbourn alongside the underpass at Witan Gate and Midsummer Boulevard

In a letter to the council's head of legal services he wrote: 'The CTC has continually asked for a plan of future cycling movement in the city centre in spite of promises by yourselves and other bodies that cyclists were not to be ignored in future plans.

'Alas, what we have seen to date gives a lie to that and we only fear for the worst.

'This is at a time when you should be giving a strong lead to getting people out of their cars by encouraging as many as possible to walk and cycle.'

There are also concerns about what will happen to the cycle stands located within the stopped up area on which the West End One housing development will be built.

English Partnerships gave BP and two other employers at Witan Gate House a chunk of land for staff to use after it had the public highway stopped up by a district judge.

Barriers stop anyone without an electronic card from gaining entry.

But other central Milton Keynes offices say it has caused havoc for their workforces.

The issue has been highlighted by Urban Eden, an organisation set up to protect Milton Keynes during its redevelopment.

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Humbug: Scrooge, aka MK Council, and Dickensian demonstrator ouside the council offices

Dickens nurseries demo in the House

BY ALICIA BABAEE
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PARENTS who put on a Dickensian demonstration against a consultation on city nurseries have been congratulated in Parliament.

Two weeks ago 30 parents donned 19th century costumes and gathered at the council's Civic Offices in the rain to put on their version of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

They cast the council as Scrooge.

The consultation options, which could see major changes to day nurseries, originally included an option to close the service altogether.

But, following campaigning from parents, that option was removed.

The protest was held in the hope that the council would stop the consultation, which has been branded 'a sham'.

Parents like the nurseries as they are.

The council, which runs eight day nurseries in Milton Keynes for 369 children, sent out questionnaires and held meetings

Options include offering the service into the open market to be run by another provider or maintaining the current service with cost-cutting changes.

Other suggestions are to develop a consortium to help manage the existing nurseries, or to have different management arrangements for groups of day nurseries such as through children's centres.

Speaking to Children and Families Minister Beverly Hughes at the House of Commons, Dr Phyllis Starkey, MP for MK South West, said: "Will the Minister join me in congratulating the parents on their campaign, and confirm that it is entirely for Milton Keynes Council to decide on the future role of those nurseries and on the priority that it chooses to give them?"

The Right Hon Beverley Hughes replied: "I do congratulate the parents, and my Hon Friend on her role in supporting them.

"From April next year every local authority has a duty to ensure that there is sufficient child care of different types to meet the needs of parents in its area, so every authority should be assessing its supply and the demand from parents for additional supply and working towards matching demand and supply."

Cllr Sandra Clark, MK Council cabinet member responsible childcare, said: "I am pleased, but not surprised, that people have so emphatically said that closure is not an option.

"However, we will still need to consider options to secure the longer term future of the nurseries, in line with Government policy.

"We will of course be involving parents and carers in this process and I intend to hold discussions with them early in the New Year but we must ensure that council nurseries provide value for money."

The next stage is a report to the cabinet on February 5, which will launch the draft public consultation document.

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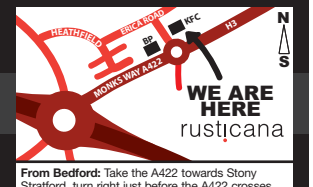

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Instead I opted to be a passenger in a Ford Focus ST but I had an up and coming star of Formula 3 at the wheel, Sam Bird.

On meeting Sam it was quickly pointed out to me that because I wouldn't be driving I could go in a more powerful car, in the form of a stunning Porsche GT2 super car.

It was cold, dark and the track was wet which meant conditions were not exactly ideal and whether it was a scare tactic or not Sam added to my fear factor when he told me he had his work cut out to keep the car on the right lines.

Sitting in the car I was a little nervous to say the least, Sam, who spent time testing for F1 team Williams last year, clocked onto this and kept asking if I was okay. I raised an anxious smile, nodded my head and off we went.

The first thing I noticed was the acceleration, the car had an awesome aggression it just wanted to fly round the track and then I was slammed back into my seat, that was when I discovered the break.

While I was trying to take in every bend, bump and straight I realised we were on our second lap. Again, Sam made sure I was enjoying it before asking if I could feel the under steer. At that point I couldn't and then the Porsche started to swerve from beneath us, yet 20-year-old Sam demonstrated his sublime driving skills to keep the machine in control.

Unfortunately, the car had so much power it lacked a large amount of grip and the greasy surface ensured we had a hairy moment when we came through into the Luffield corner the back end went. I thought we were off the track about to complete a 360 degree turn, we didn't. Once again Sam rescued the moment and turned to me and shouted: "Woah. That was fun."

My heart was in my mouth not even the adrenalin rush could disguise that little hic-up. But it made my experience even better, I had felt the full powers of the car along with its weakness.

Breaking at 70mph was certainly an experience I will never forget, at my bravest I looked at the clock on the pits straight and we were travelling at 139mph.

In truth I was on such a rush I struggled to distinguish how the fuel had changed the ride. I have never been in a Porsche before, but I certainly thought it was smooth running and we slipped through the gears with ease. We definitely pushed the car hard in awful conditions, and it seemed to cope.

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Arrest of officer a 'credit' to prison

Justice Minister praises Woodhill for weeding out drugs supplier

BY LAURA HANNAM
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Justice Minister David Hanson talks to prisoners during his Woodhill visit

THE successful arrest of a prison officer charged with supplying drugs to inmates is a 'credit' to Woodhill, the Minister for Prisons has said.

Justice Minister David Hanson commented on the arrest during his high profile visit last week to look at Woodhill's security measures to prevent drugs entering the prison.

"The fact the police have made an arrest and have had co-operation from the prison serves as a credit to the staff at Woodhill," he said. "It shows we will not rest in the challenge to reduce drug supplies and that if there are staff that are involved in any illegal activity we will pursue this with vigour."

Prison officer Adam Seamark, 25, who we understand is from Ruskin Way, Daventry, Northamptonshire was arrested at the prison on Tattenhoe Street on Thursday (December 13), less than a week before the minister's visit.

He has been charged with four counts of supplying controlled drugs, heroin, crack cocaine and anebolic steroids and misconduct in a public office between August 1 and December 13, 2007.

The governor of Woodhill has since declared war on drugs inside the jail saying: "I want to make it very clear to prisoners and to staff that drugs are not and will not be tolerated within this prison.

"Any attempt to compromise me, or any member of my staff, will be firmly and decisively dealt with."

The minister's visit to Woodhill was prompted by the high security jail's good track record in keeping drugs and mobile phones out of the hands of its 800 prisoners.

Mr Hanson praised Woodhill's security measures and its efforts to help prisoners beat their addiction to drugs in order to reduce re-offending.

He said: "We are here to look at good practice and how we could build this up in other prisons," Mr Hanson added. It is important we look at what is working well."

During his visit Mr Hanson was shown the prison's BOSS chair – or body orifice security scanner system – which is used when prisoners enter the jail to detect metallic objects such as mobile phones or knives secreted about their person.

Mr Hanson also saw the First Night Centre, where inmates are introduced to prison life, heard about the jail's efforts to educate prisoners about drugs and provide support and counselling to help them beat their addiction and was given a demonstration from a sniffer dog which is used to search cells and other areas.

Mr Seamark appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court on Thursday December 21. He has been remanded in custody to l appear again in February.

Housing office under scrutiny

A DECISION to close Bradville housing office has been called in.

Cabinet members nodded the closure through at a meeting last week but opposition campaigners have gathered enough support for it to be brought back before the scrutiny committee.

Residents turned up to campaign against the move outside the civic offices. They brought placards and held a candlelit vigil.

But the decision to close it was made on the basis that numbers are dwindling and the building is deteriorating.

Services will relocate to the council's main offices on Silbury Boulevard, central Milton Keynes.

Previously MK NEWS reported that tenant representative Margaret Burke was shocked when a council leaflet announcing the closure landed on her doormat.

The decision should not have been made until the meeting. Milton Keynes Council blamed it on an 'administrative error'.

Speaking in the meeting Cllr Irene Henderson, cabinet member with responsibility for housing, said: "I would like to start with an apology and explanation as I know people feel extremely upset that this paper has come to cabinet after the housing service put out leaflets saying the housing office was to close. The truth of the matter is, it was always in the wrong place. It serves a very large area of the city and is not well placed for public transport so is not easily accessible."

Cllr Sandra Clark, cabinet member for children, has suggested housing office services could be provided at children's centres across the city.

Margaret Burke, who is leading the anti-closure campaign is concerned the elderly and people without cars will find it difficult to get to Central Milton Keynes.

She said: "Why let the building get into such a bad state of repair? Unless there was a secret agenda to close it. It was the council's administration that shut other offices causing Bradville to serve so many areas and the civic offices are further away from most of the areas it covers."

After the meeting she said: "I can't believe it but we've already got five signatures so we're calling it in."

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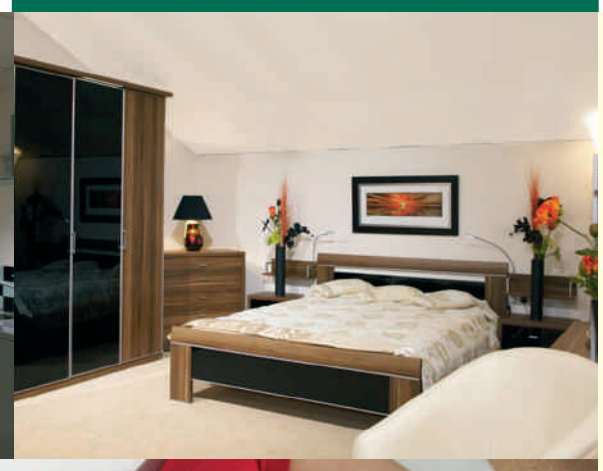

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Thanks from city's top cop

BY LAURA HANNAM
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MILTON Keynes' top policeman has praised the city's 'vibrance' and thanked residents for their help in tackling crime.

As a new year is about to begin Superintendent Andy Taylor, acting Milton Keynes Basic Command Unit (BCU) Commander, has looked back at 2007 which has seen significant falls in crime.

"Milton Keynes sometimes gets a bad press and I can't for the life of me work out why," he said.

"It has vibrancy and a sense of excitement that comes with its relative youth but retains the wisdom of the older towns and villages – it is that contrast which makes Milton Keynes special.

"Of course it has its problems, every town and city does, and some of the challenges that the city faces are different just because Milton Keynes is 'unique'.

"The layout of the city has allowed the people here to build a strong sense of community and many of you are fiercely proud of how your town, estate or village contributes to the city.

"Whilst it can sometimes be a little uncomfortable for me, I have been impressed with the way in which your representatives at all levels have constructively challenged your police and helped us to make Milton Keynes safer."

He added: "We have seen significant falls in crime this year; this is in no small measure due to you and those non-police agencies that work with us.

"Some of you have taken a strong stand against those whose behaviour can make the life of a community a misery; others have identified criminals and helped us bring them to book.

"The work done by the Community Safety Partnership has been outstanding and has drawn praise from Government Ministers."

Finally, he wished everyone a safe and relaxing time during the festivities.

"You will see my officers and police staff working with others to reduce the incidents of alcohol related disorder and violence," he said.

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Thames Valley Police acting BCU commander Andy Taylor

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A STAFF member at a bookmakers was threatened at knifepoint during a robbery.

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He forced her at knife point to the back room and told her to wait in the toilet, before making off with £600 in cash.

The man is around 6ft 1ins, stocky, aged in his mid-thirties and has a deep voice.

He was wearing a dark green beanie hat, green ski-style glasses and a yellow florescent three-quarter length jacket.

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Aladdin set to break MK Theatre records

BY LAURA HANNAM
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THIS year's glittering panto Aladdin is set to be 'record breaking', says Milton Keynes Theatre.

The pantomime, which has been running since the beginning of December, stars Coronation Street funnymen Bradley Walsh and Eric Potts along with Eloise Irving and Michael Quinn from Grease is the Word.

It has seen sell-out performances over the Christmas period and is set for more in the new year.

The show stars all of your favourite traditional pantomime characters including Widow Twankey, the Genie, a beautiful princess and the evil Abanazer.

It also has brand new sparkling sets, glittering costumes, singing, dancing, comedy and bags of audience participation.

Emma Smith, marketing manager at Milton Keynes Theatre said: "Aladdin is already set to be yet another record-breaking pantomime for Milton Keynes Theatre.

"But don't forget that Bradley Walsh and the gang will still be performing until January 20 so if you haven't already there's plenty of time for you and your family to come and see this fabulous show."

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Home Office boss praises crime fight

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A CRIME reduction scheme in Milton Keynes has been praised by the Home Office.

The congratulatory letter from Home Secretary Jacqui Smith was sent to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) last week.

It commends the scheme for its contribution towards reducing crime figures.

The CSP concentrates on anti-social behaviour, reducing violence and tackling drug and alcohol misuse.

Councillor Irene Henderson, chairman of the CSP says she is thrilled.

It thanks the CSP as one of the Priority 44 Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, for the efforts and achievements it has made to reduce crime and disorder in the last year.

Up until September crime was falling nationally, but within the 'Priority 44', reduction levels are greater.

There has been an 11 per cent reduction in crime in five years.

Cllr Irene Henderson said: "The Home Secretary's letter is testament to the hard work that is taking place across all agencies.

"We will continue to engage with members of the community to find out what their concerns are and deliver the best solutions for tackling crime in Milton Keynes".

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> **– Community Safety Partnership chairman Cllr Irene Henderson**

The Home Secretary says the figures show that the CSP has made outstanding effort and will have made a real difference to people living in the community.

The CSP helps set Neighbourhood Action Groups, provides a taxi marshalling service at weekends and runs alcohol awareness campaigns.

CSP manager, Richard Solly, said: "Even though we have been recognised for the work we are doing there are still problem areas that we need to continue to focus on, in particular the need to reduce violence.

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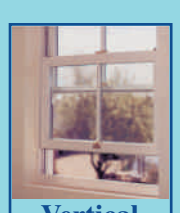

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Bus trip to end jams?

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TRANSPORT planners are looking at whether a guided bus service could solve Milton Keynes' future traffic problems.

A group from Milton Keynes Council visited Nantes, France recently to check out their integrated public transport system and see if they could use any of their ideas.

Cllr Chris Williams, cabinet member for transport, Cllr David Hopkins, chairman of the environment committee and Kevin Whiteside, transport manager all spent a day on the French transport system at the beginning of December and visited exhibitions.

The trip was funded by a company in Milton Keynes with no cost to the taxpayer.

The trio were especially impressed with the city's guided bus system, which is similar to a tram-line but needs no overhead cabling and can be taken on normal roads.

Cllr Williams said: "Milton Keynes has a growing transport problem and as we continue to grow it probably will not go away so it requires us to do something now."

"In the centre of Nantes because the system works so well it is relatively congestion free.

"Next year they expect that 50 per cent of those travelling to the centre will use public transport.

"That compares to less than 20 per cent in Milton Keynes.

"And people are choosing to do that as it is inexpensive and flexible."

Over the next few months transport planners at the council will be drawing up a paper looking into the possibility.

It will then be presented to the environment committee and other partners including bus companies and Milton Keynes Partnership.

But these are very early stages and the guided bus is one of several options the council is looking into.

It is possible the system could be built along the central reservations of the grid roads to provide a service in and out of the city centre from the surrounding estates.

Ordinary buses may provide a service between estates and deliver people to park and ride services, which would feed into the main transport route to the centre.

Cllr Williams said the biggest problem would be working out how the system would cross roundabouts.

But Cllr Brin Carstens is sceptical about the benefits as operators could switch their buses away from the guided routes at will.

"It is the captivity of a railed system that leads to the regularity and reliability of the service from the potential traveller's point of view," he said.

"We know that bus operators will always cherry pick the routes and times they will operate unless forced to consider the community needs first and foremost."

He said the council needs to do the job properly or risk failing to provide the frequent, regular and reliable service the community needs.

"I don't pretend the solution is easy or inexpensive, but I really do believe we are tinkering around the edges of the public transportation options because we're too frightened of the cost of doing the job properly."

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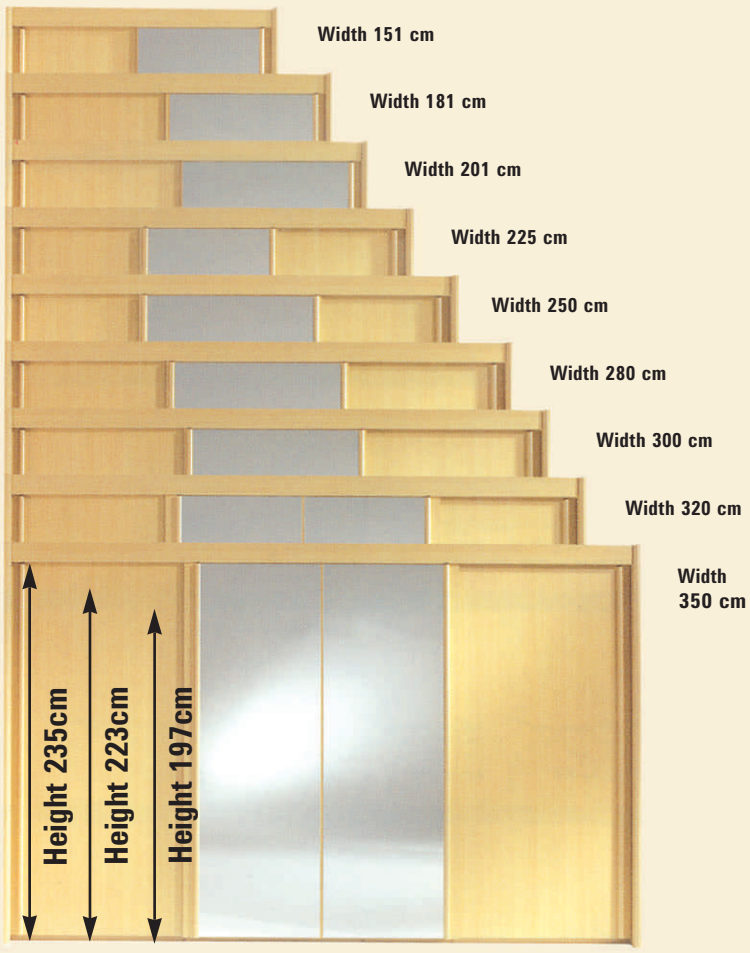

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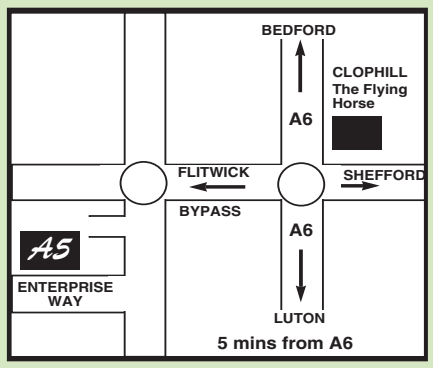

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Council ID card no good for entry to civic offices

A SECURITY guard would not give a councillor entry to the council's Saxon Court offices because he had forgotten his swipe card, despite having his councillor's photo-ID card.

Cllr Sam Potts was left furious after this happened on two occasions.

He sent an e-mail to council chief executive John Best asking for assurance that it would not happen again.

Cllr Potts said: "If the council's own ID card is not accepted then clearly ID cards are a waste of time altogether."

A spokesman for the council said: "No offence was intended here, but staff have to be vigilant and all councillors do have access 'swipe' cards to allow them into both Saxon Court and the Civic Offices.

"It is the duty of all councillors and staff to make sure they bring their access card to work, or if they have gone missing or have been stolen, to report this immediately.

"Security is paramount, particularly in this day and age, and surely it is better for the staff checking people's ID to perhaps be overcautious as opposed to careless.

"There have been a number of very well-publicised national incidents in recent years where there have been embarrassing, and potentially dangerous, breaches of security.

"We send out regular reminders to all Milton Keynes Council staff and the elected members, to remind them of the need to bring their access cards with them if they want to enter our council buldings. We will be communicating this again shortly."

He added that in future if the photo-ID is presented a councillor will receive a one day pass to the building which must be returned at the end of the day.

Refused entry: Cllr Sam Potts with his council ID card

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Law firm is out to help new motor race drivers

COMMERCIAL city law firm emw law has advised on the creation of a new funding initiative aimed at helping young motor racing hopefuls realise their dreams.

The Racing Steps Foundation aims to help talented young drivers at three levels – Formula 3, Formula Renault and karting – who might otherwise have to abandon their ambitions due to lack of funds, to progress up the leagues.

emw law, based in Knowlhill, are acknowledged experts in the motorsport field, acting for a variety of motor racing teams, promoters and engineering companies.

Unlike many other countries where funding for motorsport at all stages is available from both the public and private sectors, in the UK sources of financial aid are very limited.

Three leading motor racing teams from the three levels will also participate in the project.

Motor racing legend John Surtees, the only former world champion on two and on four wheels, is to act as an ambassador for the Foundation.

Acting for Worldsport Management, which has been appointed to manage the Foundation, emw law drew up all the contracts between the drivers, teams, the Foundation and the management company.

The firm also put in place all the Intellectual Property rights for the Foundation, such as registering its trademark.

Robert Cain, head of technology and commerce at emw law said: "We are delighted to have advised on this exciting new project. Having acted for young drivers like Jonny Kane, a former McLaren Autosport BRDC Young Driver of the Year, we fully understand the funding problems they face

"The Racing Steps Foundation is a fantastic initiative which will make a huge contribution to motorsport by ensuring that the next generation of Lewis Hamiltons are identified early and helped to reach their full potential."

Earlier this month Robert Cain addressed the Professional Motorsport World Expo in Cologne about confidentiality issues in motorsport in the light of the Ferrari/McLaren spat, and the firm was also a speaker at an Intellectual Property seminar hosted recently by the Motor Industry Association.

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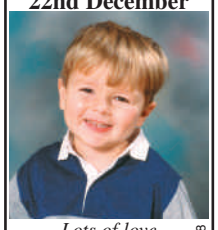

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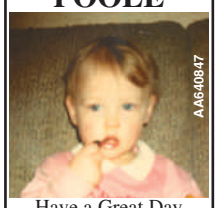

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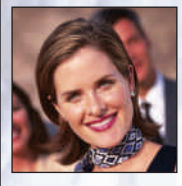

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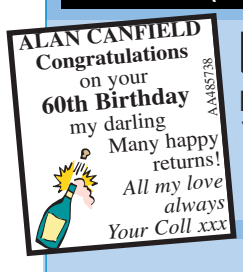

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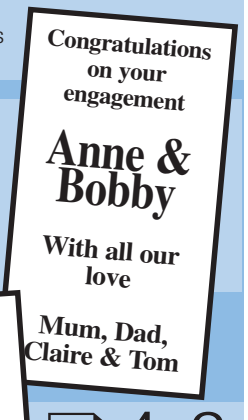

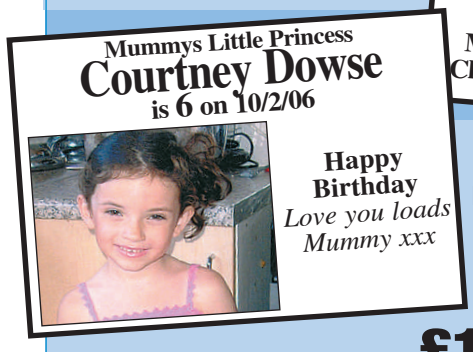

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NEARLY 30 teams have now entered the MK Business Challenge, the innovative fundraising project set up by The ExtraCare Charitable Trust, to support older people across the city.

Sponsored by NatWest, ExtraCare is offering £50 to 50 organisations across Milton Keynes, with the challenge of growing the money to see which makes the most.

Proceeds will help fund health and leisure facilities at ExtraCare's new Lovat Fields Village which is already offering life-changing opportunities for more than 500 older people across the city.

Attending the launch at Lovat Fields Village last week, Tim Jackson-Waite, managing director of Oakhill Property Services, said: "Our business is linked to community life in Milton Keynes and we're here for the long haul.

"We therefore feel a strong affiliation with this retirement village which has already become an integral part of Milton Keynes' community and deserves the support of local companies.

'That's why we are here to support this challenge"

Hemaxi Bhatt, senior business manager at NatWest in Milton Keynes, said: "We are looking to increase our community support in this area during the coming year and think the challenge is a really a good idea.

"It engages business in an exciting way for the benefit of local older people – a really deserving cause."

MK NEWS is offering a special prize to the school which brings in the most money from the challenge and already six schools have expressed interest.

Teams entered so far include: Ask MK, Avebury Construction, BSI Management Systems, City Law, Control Group, Craig Anderson Menswear, D&P Consultants, ExtraCare Residents, Frosts, Great Brickhill Rotary, Interdirect, Jurys Inn, Keens Shay Keens, Lawyers Direct, Lynx Data Cabling, MacIntyre Hudson, Midas Property Services, Mouchel, Neeves, NHBC, Oakhill Property Services, Ramada Encore, Siemens Communications, The Bollington Group, thecentremk, Tollers, Towergate, United Business Centre.

■ The competition runs from January to March 2008 but teams need to enter now – please contact Sue Bromfield at ExtraCare on 0782 542 6574.

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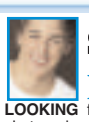

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A SKIN clinic has opened at thehub:mk.

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It offers a whole range of treatments in relaxed yet medically sound surroundings.

Treatments include microdermabrasion, laser hair removal, tattoo removal, mini peels, botox, and fillers among others.

Last week dermatological nurse Jane Lewis, featured in programmes including Embarrassing Illnesses and Ten Years Younger, was in town to help launch the clinic.

The specialist skin and body clinic promises affordable and innovative solutions as well as proven skincare products.

It is registered with the Healthcare Commission to ensure safe high standards are maintained.

Special opening offers include three microdermabrasion sessions for £99 (usually £59 for one). Microdermabrasion – a favourite with celebrities – involves propelling a jet of microcrystals across the skin's surface, removing dead skin cells.

More info at: www.sknclinics.co.uk

Nail bars should be regulated

'Staff who are not properly qualified is leading to problems resulting from the use of methyl methacrylate'

BY ALICIA BABAEE

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NAIL bars could face tighter controls now that a city MP is on her way to getting new laws introduced.

Last month MKNEWS reported that Phyllis Starkey had raised the issue of dangerous nail bars in Parliament.

She called for proper regulation of the industry and for a ban of a chemical widely used to attach false nails.

The chemical - methyl methacrylate (MMA) - was originally used as a glue in cosmetic surgery but is now used in many downmarket nail salons.

It is banned in the US.

Many nail technicians are not properly qualified to use it.

MMA - used because it is cheap and strong - has a very strong odour.

It can be a respiratory sensitiser triggering an allergic reaction, serious skin reactions, and permanent nail damage - or nail loss.

Medics fear that long term exposure to it can cause permanent respiratory and liver damage.

Since then Dr Starkey has received responses from the Department of Health and the Department for Communities and Local Government,

Now she has asked the clerks department at the House of Commons to draft a short piece of legislation to amend current laws.

She will put her name into a ballot to have time in the Commons to introduce it.

It could be a long time before changes are seen, but she is determined to get there.

Dr Starkey took the plunge after a concerned constituent contacted her.

Fiona Hayes - who owns a nail bar in thecentre:mk - is campaigning for the industry to be regulated.

She said: "I'm fed up with ladies coming to me with all this damage to their nails.

"I feel all nail bars, including my own, should be licensed and policed at the highest level on a regular basis to maintain a standard in the industry.

"Tattooists, beauticians, are all regulated.

"Some shops use electric nail drills which file away the foundation of the natural nail bed and place the acrylic on top. It's not the proper acrylic, it's the sort they use for false limbs.

"They even put artificial nails on children."

Dr Starkey, MP for Milton Keynes South West, said: " A constituent has drawn my attention to the fact that the proliferation of nail bars with staff who are not properly qualified is leading to, in particular, problems resulting from the use of methyl methacrylate to attach nail extensions.

"This seems to be an issue of great importance to women in my constituency and across the country."

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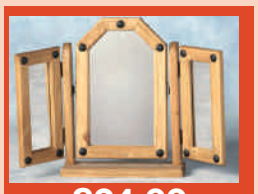
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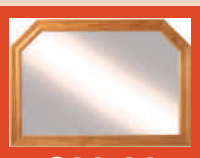
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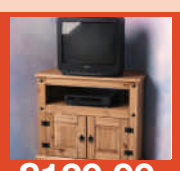
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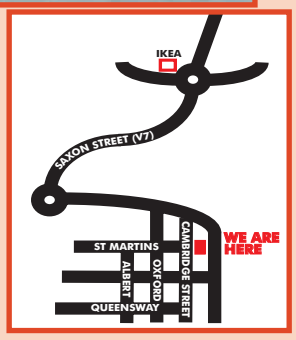

Theatre breaks new ground

A FESTIVAL of creativity is taking place at Milton Keynes Theatre next week.

Following a long and successful panto season the theatre will open its doors on Saturday, January 26 from 2-8pm, to offer performances, workshops, insights, tours, exhibitions, music and activities.

Families, children and young people are invited to take part in the activities that will take place around the building – often where you would least expect.

Education and outreach manager Jodie Gibson said: "The education team is hugely excited about hosting this new initiative, which is using both professional and non-professional musicians, performers and artists of all ages to create and celebrate creativity.

"Our aim is to offer a different experience for people visiting the theatre, rather than just 'buy a ticket, sit in the auditorium and watch a performance on stage'. Instead we wanted to create something different and with over 200 people involved offering dance, drama, new writing, comedy sketches, live music, workshops, exhibitions and tours – we hope there will be plenty on offer for everyone."

WHAT'S GOING ON

Performances
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Spy cameras record kids' lives as art

BY ALICIA BABAEE
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FILMS taken with concealed cameras worn by seven young people for 24 hours each are forming an exhibition at Milton Keynes Gallery.

The exhibition by British artist duo Iain Forsyth and Jane Pollard is called The 24 seven.

The cameras recorded continuously, a silent witness to everything the participants saw and did.

Each of the seven young people taking part in the project became an agent of surveillance, documenting a day of their lives.

Now the footage is being projected and can be viewed from the street twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

It is being replayed in the Project Space in real time on the corresponding day of the week every day for the duration of the exhibition.

Milton Keynes Gallery Young People's Project commissioned the work for it's first project.

The 24 seven will be on display until January 13.

The projection can be viewed from the street twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The Young People's Project became interested in working with Iain Forsyth and Jane Pollard because of the artists' interactive style and their experiences of engaging with communities and social networks.

It is made possible using a three year grant from the Big Lottery fund, and aims to develop opportunities for young people ages 15-24 to create exciting and challenging cultural projects and events with and for their peers.

This will include including visual art, music and film.

Project members have the opportunity to develop a variety of skills, including leadership, project management, technical, budgetary, fundraising, marketing, communications, social and life skills.

Most recently they programmed and ran the 'Create' Zone at the MK4U Festival in Central Milton Keynes.

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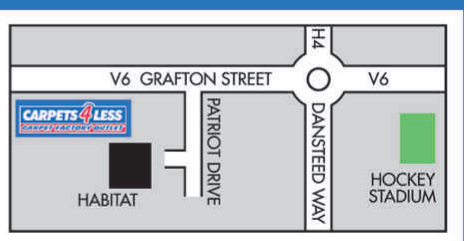

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Centre Opening Hours*

Friday 28 Dec 9am - 9pm
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Sun 30 Dec 11 ^ 5pm
Mon 31 Dec 9am ^ 5pm
New Years Day 11am ^ 5pm
Wed 2 Jan - normal trading hours resume.
*Opening hours for various stores may differ. Please contact individual stores for details.

There's still time!

There's still time to see the Wind in the Willows display until 2 January. Bring your children, friends and family along, and even if you've seen the display - there's always something more magical about it the next time round!

Wishing Pool

Whilst you are in Middleton Hall please throw your spare coins into the fantastic wishing pool. All the money donated goes to Tiggywinkles, the Wildlife Animal Hospital.

Proms in the Park

Get an 'early bird' discounted Proms in the Park ticket for the 19 July at exclusive 'early bird' prices from Customer Services near Bhs on Silbury Arcade.

Store Specials

Get great accessories. Head down to Glitz for their 20% OFF EVERYTHING sale.

The Beaverbrooks SALE has started and is on until Sunday 3 February.

So make a note and visit us either in store, online (www.beaverbrooks.co.uk or call us on the number below and take advantage of some great offers.
For further information contact Customer Services Department on Freephone 0800 169 2329 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Diary Dates

Milton Keynes Caravan Show
10 -13 January 2008

Motor Show
15 – 20 January 2008

Our Place: MK Pioneers and Heroes
22 – 23 January 2008

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MK TAKEAWAYS

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO THE BEST TAKEAWAYS IN MILTON KEYNES

PIZZA PASSION MK

BUY ONE PIZZA - GET ONE FREE TO THE SAME VALUE! ...

The Passionate Twelve Pizzas

	Extra Topping	9" thin	12" thin	12" deep pan
1.	Margarita cheese & tomato	£6.00	£8.00	£9.00
2.	Hawaiian cheese, tomato, luncheon ham, pineapple	£7.00	£9.00	£10.50
3.	Milano cheese, tomato, luncheon ham, mushroom	£7.00	£9.00	£10.00
4.	Vegi Special cheese, tomato, fresh mushroom, pineapple, corn, onions, peppers	£7.00	£10.00	£11.00
5.	Seafood cheese, tomato, tuna, prawns, anchovies	£7.00	£9.00	£10.00
6.	Hot & Spicy cheese, tomato, pepperoni, peppers, chilli, garlic	£7.50	£10.50	£11.00
7.	Passionate Special cheese, tomato, luncheon ham, beef, pepperoni, mushrooms, peppers	£8.00	£10.50	£12.00
8.	Meat Feast cheese, tomato luncheon ham, beef, pepperoni, sausage	£8.00	£10.00	£12.00
9.	Bombay Mix cheese, tomato, peppers, onions, lamb tikka, doner meat, chicken tikka	£8.00	£10.50	£12.00
10.	Chicken Tikka cheese, tomato, chicken tikka, peppers, onions	£8.00	£10.00	£11.50
11.	Doner Meat cheese, tomato, doner meat, pepper, jalapeno peppers	£8.00	£10.00	£115.0
12.	Keema Special tomato, mozzarella, spicy minced lamb, peppers, onions, corn	£8.00	£10.00	£11.00

Create your own pizza from these toppings: Luncheon ham, spicy beef, pepperoni, sausage, lamb tikka, chicken tikka, doner meat, fresh mushrooms, peppers, corn, pineapple, jalapeno peppers, chilli, garlic, olives, tuna, prawns, anchovies, onions,sliced tomatoes.

1. Family Meal 6 pieces of chicken, 3 portions of chips, 6 nuggets, spicy beans/coleslaw, choc fudge/ice cream, bottle of soft drink **£11.50**

2. Variety Pack 6 pieces of chicken, 3 portions of chips, 6 chicken nuggets, 1\4lb cheeseburger and chips, regular doner kebab, bottle of soft drink **£14.99**

3. Family Kebab 6 pieces of chicken tikka, 6 pieces of lamb tikka, doner meat, 4 pitta breads or 3 nans with side salad and chilli sauce, bottle of soft drink **£12.50**

4. Passion Deal 12" deep pizza, (any pizza of your choice), garlic french bread, 6 spicy wings, bottle of soft drink **£11.99**

KEBABS	small	large
1. Chicken Tikka Kebab – Chicken tikka with salad and chilli sauce in a nan bread	4.50	5.00
2. Lamb Tikka Kebab – Lamb tikka with salad and chilli sauce in a nan bread	4.50	5.00
3. Doner – Doner meat with salad and chilli sauce in a pitta bread (50p extra for nan)	3.50	4.00
4. Kebab Mix – Chicken tikka, lamb tikka, doner meat in nan bread with chilli sauce and salad	5.00	6.00
5. Doner Meat with chips – Chicken tikka with salad and chilli sauce in a nan	3.50	4.50

PICK 'N' MIX PIZZAS
Chicken, tomato and 8 toppings of your choice
9' thin 8.50 | 12' thin 10.50 | 12' deep pan 12.00
Buy one and get one free or 10% discount on single pizza

OTHERS	1/2lb	1/4lb
Cheeseburger	3.70	2.70
Beef burger with chips	3.50	2.50
Chicken burger with chips	3.50	2.50
2 pcs chicken with chips		2.50
Corn on the cob	1.00	
Spicy wings	2.50	
Chicken nuggets	1.99	
Garlic french bread	1.50	
Garlic french bread with cheese, mushrooms, onion	1.80	
Chips	1.00	
Cheesecake	1.20	
Chocolate fudge	1.20	
Bottle of soft drink	1.50	
Cans of soft drink	0.60	
Apple pie	1.00	

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Sunday to Thursday 5pm till midnight
Friday, Saturday 5pm till 2.00am
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DIXY CHICKEN

Just Chicken

2/3/6 Pieces	£1.99	£2.80	£5.25	
8/12/16/20 Pieces	£6.95	£9.90	£12.80	£15.90

BBQ Ribs

4 Ribs	£2.49
6 Ribs	£3.19
10 Ribs	£5.50

Spicy Wings

4 Spicy Wings	£1.49
6 Spicy Wings	£1.99
12 Spicy Wings	£3.49

Chicken Nuggets

4 Golden Nuggets	£1.35
6 Golden Nuggets	£1.85
15 Golden Nuggets	£3.99

ROLO Meal

ROLO Crispy Chicken Pieces in a Tortilla Wrap	£2.49
2 Crispy Chicken Pieces in Tortilla	£3.49

with regular Fries and a Drink

Burgers

Chicken Fillet Burger	£1.99
Fillet Burger & Cheese	£2.15
Spicy Fillet Burger	£1.99
Spicy Bean Burger (V)	£1.99
Fillet-O-Fish	£1.99
1/4 Pounder (Add cheese - 15p)	£1.99
1/2 Pounder (Add cheese - 15p)	£2.49

Side Dishes

Chips (Regular)	£1.00
Chips (Large)	£1.50
Potato Wedges	£0.99
Corn on the Cob	£0.99
Coleslaw	£0.99
BBQ Beans	£0.99
Chicken Popcorn	£1.99

Drinks & Dessert

Cans	£0.60
1.5 ltr Bottles	£1.50
Trifle	£0.79
Cheesecake	£0.79
Apple Pie	£0.79

For delivery purposes, the drink in the meals has been changed to a 330ml can, 3 Drink cans may be changed to a 1.5ltr bottle.

see website for meal deals www.dialafood.co.uk/dixychicken

Dixy Bucket
6 pcs Chicken
4 Wings
3 Fries & Bottle of Drink
£9.99

Mega Bucket
8 Pieces of Chicken, 4 Chips, 6 Spicy Wings, 6 BBQ Ribs & 1.5 ltrs of Soft Drink
£13.99

Family Bucket
8 Pieces of Chicken, 4 Chips, Large BBQ Beans or Large Coleslaw, 4 Chocolate Donuts
£10.99

Chicken Buckets
6 pcs & 3 Chips **£8.35**
10 pcs & 4 Chips **£10.99**
16 pcs & 6 Chips **£16.90**
20 pcs & 8 Chips **£19.90**

PIZZA GOGO

Vegetarian

Cheese & Tomato	£5.95	£7.75	£9.45
Vegetarian Hot Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers	£7.95	£10.75	£13.95
Vegetarian Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers & Sweetcorn	£7.95	£10.75	£13.95
Spinocolli Mushrooms, Onions, Broccoli, Spinach, Fresh Garlic	£7.95	£10.75	£13.95

Traditional

Hawaiian Ham & Pineapple	£6.95	£9.55	£11.45
Ham & Mushroom	£6.95	£9.55	£11.45
Beef One Ground Beef, Onions & Mushrooms	£7.95	£10.95	£12.45
Chinese Chinese Chicken, Mushrooms & Sweetcorn	£7.95	£10.95	£12.45
Classic Bacon, Mushrooms & Fresh Tomato	£7.95	£10.95	£12.45

Hot Stuff

American Hot Peppers, Onions, Chillies, Green Peppers	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Chicken Hot Tandoori Chicken, Gren Chillies, Fresh Tomato, Mushrooms	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Mexican Passion Mexican Chicken, Red Peppers, Pineapple & Jalapeno Peppers	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Mexicana Spicy Beef, Onions, Sliced Tomato & Green Chillies	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Hot Tator Ground Beef, Onion, Green Peppers & Jalapeni Peppers	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95

X-tra Value Meal
Any Large 12" Pizza*
FREE GARLIC BREAD (4 pieces)
FREE POTATO TWISTERS
ONLY £10.95

Family Favourites

Pepperoni Plus, Double Pepperoni, Mushrooms & Onions	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
BBQ Original Chicken, Green Peppers, Fried Onion & Special BBQ Sauce	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Meaty One Ham, Pepperoni, Beef, Spicy Pork	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Sea Food Prawns, Anchovies, Tuna & Fresh Tomato	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Free Choice Any 4 toppings of your choice	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Late Breakfast Smokey Sausage, Bacon, Salami & Fried Onion	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95
Alligator Pepperoni, lamb, Beef, Bacon, Garlic Sausage, Salami	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95

GoGo Special

Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Onions, Ham, Beef & Pepperoni	£7.95	£10.95	£13.95

Stuffed Edge Surcharges

Stuffed Edge with Cheese/with cheese & Pepperoni/ with Garlic & Herbs	£1.00	£1.20	£1.40

Extra Toppings

Create your own pizza by using a Cheese and Tomato as a base then add your choice of toppings from the following £0.80 £0.90 £1.00

Meat Toppings	Chicken Toppings	Seafood Toppings	Vegetable Toppings
Pepperoni, Salami	Tandoori Chicken	Tuna	Pineapple, Mushrooms,
Garlic Sausage	Chinese Chicken	Anchovies	Sweetcorn, Green Peppers
Smokey Sausage	Plain Chicken	Prawns	Red peppers, Onions,
Ham, Spicy Pork	Mexian Chicken		Fresh Tomato, Green Chillies
Beef			Aubergine, Fresh Garlic,
			Jalapeno peppers, Black
			Olives, Spinach, Broccoli

Starters

Garlic Bread (4pcs)	£1.50	With Cheese (4pcs)	£1.95
Cheesy Garlic Pizza Bread (7")	£2.95	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks (8pcs)	£3.45
Potato Twisters (Per Portion)	£2.50	Potato Wedges (Per Portion)	£2.50
Potato Wedges (Per Portion)	£2.50	Potato Skins (5pcs) with cheese	£3.45
Pototo Skins (5pcs) with cheese	£4.45	Jalapeno Peppers Cream cheese (6pcs)	£3.45
Onion Rings (10 rings)	£1.95		
Dips, garlic & Mayonaise, BBQ, Chilli, Sour Cream, Garlic & Herb			£0.30
Spicy Chicken Wings (8pcs)	£3.45	BBQ Wings (8pcs)	£3.45
Chicken Nuggets (6pcs)	£1.95	Southern Fried Mr Chicken (6pcs)	£1.95
BBQ Ribs (1.2 rack)	£3.95		

Pasta

Spaghetti Bolognese	£3.95	Vegetable Lasagne	£3.95
Meat Lasagne	£3.95	Chicken & Mushroom Pasta	£3.95

Salad

Salad Bar Onion, lettuce, fresh tomato, cucumber, coleslaw, ham, sweetcorn, green peppers, olives, cheese, tuna, chicken			£3.45
Green Salad	£2.00	Coleslaw	£1.30

Ice Cream

Haagen Daas 500ml, Vanilla, Choc Chips, Strawberry & Cream, Cookies & Cream, Baileys & Cream	£3.95
House Ice Cream, Dairy, Strawberry, Chocolate, Caramel Coffee	£2.95

Desserts

Tennessee Toffee Pie	£1.95	Chocolate Fudge Cake	£1.95
Strawberry Cheese Cake	£1.95	Banoffi Pie	£1.95

Cold Drinks

Coke, 7-UP, Fanta, Diet Coke (Can)	£0.70	Bottle	£1.55

SPECIALS

Twin Deal Any 2 medium Pizzas• (10.5") Any 2 starters, 2 dips & 2 cans of soft drink. *only £15.95 (save up to £4.00)*

Lunchtime Special 11.30 - 4.30 Mon - Thurs One Cheese & Tomato Pizza with a choice of 3 toppings & 4 pcs Garlic bread. *Medium £5.00 (plus one can of drink) - Large £7.00 (plus two cans of drink)*

Triple Choice Any 3 Pizzas* *3 Medium £15 - 3 Large 12" £20 3 Supersize 15" pizzas £25*

All for One Any Medium 10.5" Pizza*, 4 pcs Chicken Wings, 4 pcs Garlic Bread & One can of soft drink. *£9.95 (save up to £1.90)*

2's Special Any 2 Pizzas* *10.5" - £11.90 12"- £15.90 15"- £17.90*

Double Deal Any 2 large 12" Pizzas, 2 Starters & Bottle of soft drink. *£19.95 (save up to £1.90)*

Big Deal Any large 12" Pizza*, 8 pcs Chicken Wings, 4 pcs Garlic Bread, Bootle of Soft Drink. *£13.95 (save up to £3.75)*

The 5er Any 3 medium 10.5" Pizzas* (or more) *only £5.00 each*

Beat the clock! only £9.95
Any Large 12" Pizza*, 8 pcs Chicken Wings, 4 pcs Garlic Bread & 1 Bottle of drink. *If ordered and delivered before 4pm Mon-Thurs (save up to £7.65)*

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DEALS
Any Pizza, Any Size
£6.99
(Collection only)

BUY 1 GET 1 FREE
OR GET 10% OFF YOUR SINGLE PIZZA
on delivery or collection
buy any pizza and get a second upto the same size and value. (Not in conjunction with any other offer)
Only on large and extra large pizzas

PARTY DEAL
2 XL Pizzas + Spare Ribs + Wedges + Garlic Bread + Drink
£17.99

MEAL FOR TWO
Large pizza, Chicken Wings or Potato Wedges plus a bottle of drink
£10.99

MEAL FOR ONE
Regular pizza, Garlic bread or Potato Wedges plus can of drink
£6.99

	Regular 9" 6 Slices	Large 12" 8 Slices	Extra Large 15" 12 Slices
The Original Suitable for vegetarians *Cheese & Tomato or Cheese & Garlic*	5.99	7.99	9.99
Hawaiian Dream *Ham & Pineapple*	7.99	9.99	12.99
Farmhouse Classic *Ham & Mushrooms*			

SPECIALITY PIZZAS

Meat Feast *Spicy Pork, Ham, Pepperoni, Smoky Sausage*	8.99	11.99	13.99
Vegetarian Delight™ *Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Onions, Sweetcorn*			
All in One™ *Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Onion, Sweetcorn, Ham, Spicy Pork*			
Smoky Barbeque *Barbeque Chicken, Smoky Sausage, Red Onion, Sweetcorn, Barbeque Sauce*			
Pepperoni Lovers™ *Double Pepperoni, mushroom, onion*			
Coriander Tandoori Chicken Extremely Hot! *Balti Chicken, Green Chillies, Garlic Sauce, Fresh Coriander, Red Onion*			
Mexican Heatwave Very Hot! *'Double' Spicy Pork, Onion, Jalapeno Peppers, Red Peppers, Chilli Powder*			
Vegetarian Volcano Very Hot! *Green and Red Peppers, Red Onion, Sweetcorn, Jalapeno Peppers, Chilli Powder, Chilli Sauce*			
Oriental Express *Chinese Chicken, Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Sweetcorn*			
The Tuscan *Italian Sausage, Salami, Red Onion, Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Garlic Sauce, Italian Seasoning*			
New **Chicken BBQ Sizzler** *Chargrilled Chicken, Bacon, Onion, Barbeque Sauce & Rio Pizza Sauce*			
New **Lamb Donor Pizza** *Lamb Donor, red onion, red & green peppers, garlic sauce*			
New **Chicken Donor Pizza** *Chicken Donor, red onion, red & green peppers, garlic sauce*			

SIDE ORDERS

	Single price	Double up
Delicious Dips (ideal for dipping crusts) BBQ, Sour Cream, Sweet Chilli or Garlic & Herb	25p	
Oven Baked Chips New Tasty low fat chips baked in our hot pizza ovens	99p	
Garlic Knots 6 delicious knots of dough brushed with garlic butter	1.49	2.25
Coleslaw	1.49	2.25
Garlic Bread	1.75	2.49
Garlic Bread with Cheese	1.95	2.75
Potato Wedges Choice of dips	2.49	3.75
Chicken Wings 8 pieces - BBQ or spicy Peri Peri New	2.99	4.50
Chicken Nuggets 8 chunks of Chicken breast coated in breadcrumbs with choice of dip	2.99	4.50
BBQ Spare Ribs New Juicy rack of ribs marinated in a delicious BBQ sauce	3.99	
Wings 'n' Wedges Combo 6 BBQ or spicy Peri Peri Chicken wings served with spicy potato wedges and two of our tasty dips	3.99	5.99
Kids Deal New 6" pan pizza with up to 2 toppings, garlic bread, can of Coke	2.99	
10 Large Onion Rings	1.99	

CREATE YOUR OWN PIZZA WITH THESE EXTRA TOPPINGS
85p each (Regular) £1.00 each (Large) £1.20 each (Extra Large)
Anchovies • Bacon • Balti Chicken • Barbeque Chicken • Chinese Chicken • Ham • Pepperoni • Salami • Italian Sausage • Smoky Sausage • Spicy Beef • Spicy Pork • Prawns • Tuna • Black Olives • Cheese • Green Chilli Peppers • Green Peppers • Jalapeno Peppers • Mushrooms • Onion • Red Onion • Red Peppers • Pineapple • Sweetcorn • Sweet & Sour Sauce • Barbeque Sauce • Garlic Sauce

Minimum delivery order £7.99

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158 Queensway, Bletchley
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Coke, Diet Coke, Fanta, Sprite, Dr Pepper - 330ml can	65p	
Coke, Diet Coke, Fanta - 1.25 litre bottle	1.79	
Banoffee Pie - per slice	2.19	3.29
Tennessee Toffee Cream Pie - per slice	2.19	3.29
Ben & Jerrys Ice Cream - 500ml	4.19	

Piece of cake™, Phish Food®, Caramel Chew Chew™, Chocolate Fudge Brownie, Cookie Dough, Chocolate Therapy, New Fair Trade Vanilla

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Can't eat 2? We will deduct £2 off from 10", £3 off 12" and £4 off 16"
Free 1.5 ltr soft drink on orders over £16

PIZZAS	10" Deep Pan	12" Deep Pan	16" Deep Pan
Margarita-Cheese & Tomato	£7.50	£9.50	£13.95
Hawaiian-Cheese, Tomato, Ham, Mushrooms & Pineapple Pepperoni-Cheese, Tomato & Pepperoni Vegetarian-Cheese, Tomato, Mushrooms, Olives,Onion,Sweetcorn, Peppers & Pineapple Seafood-Cheese,Tomato,Tuna, Prawns & Anchovies	£9.50	£11.50	£15.95
Chicken Kiev Pizza-Cheese, Tomato,Mushrooms, Chicken & Garlic Butter Bolognese-Cheese, Tomato,Bolognese, Onion, Peppers Hot & Spicy-Cheese, Tomato, Pepperoni, Spicy Beef,Chilli,Onion & Peppers Meat Feast-Cheese, Tomato,Pepperoni, Spicy Beef,Salami,Chicken & Ham Chicken Tikka-Cheese, Tomato, Chicken Tikka & Peppers Kebab Pizza-Cheese, Tomato, Doner Kebab & Peppers	£11.50	£12.95	£17.95
Create Your Own Pizza Extra Toppings	75p	95p	£1.15

Garlic Bread	£2.00	BBQ Ribs	£3.50
Garlic Bread & Cheese	£2.50	Meat & Chips	£3.50
Doner Kebab	£4.20	Chicken & Chips	£3.20
Shish Kebab	£4.95	Chicken Nuggets & Chips	£3.50
Chicken Kebab	£4.95	Garlic Mushrooms & Dips	£2.00
House Special Kebab	£5.95	French Fries	£1.00
	1/4lb / 1/2lb	Onion Rings	£1.30
Beefburger & Chips	£3.20 / £3.80	Ice Cream 500ml	£3.95
Cheeseburger & Chips	£3.40 / £4.20	Can of Drink	£0.55
Veggie Burger & Chips	£3.20 / £3.80	Bottle of Drink	£1.60
Chicken Burger & Chips	£3.50		
Fresh Salad	£1.50		

MEGA GRILL PACK LARGE DONNER KEBAB, LARGE SHISH & CHICKEN KEBAB, 4 X PITTA BREADS & 2 FRIES, 2 SAUCES & COLESLAW, 1.5 LT BOTTLE OF POP £14.95

GRILL PACK LARGE DONER KEBAB SHISH KEBAB CHICKEN KEBAB 3X PITTA BREAD COLESLAW FRESH SALAD £10.95

MEGA PIZZA PACK 16" PIZZA OF CHOICE, GARLIC BREAD, ONION RINGS,COLESLAW, 1.5 LT BOTTLE OF POP £14.95

PIZZA PACK 12" PIZZA OF CHOICE, GARLIC BREAD, COLESLAW, 1.5 LT BOTTLE OF POP £10.95

Opening Times: Friday & Saturday 4.30pm to 2.30am, Sunday - Thursday 4.30pm to Midnight

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The Pizza Experts

	med 10"	large 12"	super 16"
MARGHERITA Cheese & tomato	£7.50	£9.50	£13.50
ALL TIME CLASSIC Ham* & Mushroom	£8.50	£10.50	£14.50
HAWAIIAN DREAM Ham* & Pineapple	£8.50	£10.50	£14.50
OLDE ENGLISH Beans & sausage	£9.00	£11.00	£14.00
ALL DAY BREAKFAST Ham* sausage & onion	£9.00	£11.00	£14.00
BEEFEATER spicy beef, mushroom & onion	£9.00	£11.00	£14.00
MEDITERRANEAN Tuna, prawns, fresh tomato, anchovies	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
PEPPERONI PRAIRIE double pepperoni	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
WILD WEST BBQ BBQ sauce, BBQ chicken, onion, peppers	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
MEAT EATER pepperoni, spicy beef, ham* chicken, salami	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
NEW YORKER salami, pepperoni, sausage, spicy beef	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
VEGETARIAN mushroom, onion, peppers, sweetcorn, fresh tomato	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
VEGI FANTASTIC fresh garlic, onion, olives, peppers, aubergine, herbs	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
ORIENTAL chinese chicken, pineapple, peppers	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
CHICKEN TIKKA tandoori chicken, mushroom, peppers, sweetcorn	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
CALZONE ROLLED PIZZA spicy beef, sausage, ham*, mushroom	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
VENICE SPECIAL pepperoni spicy beef, ham* mushroom, onion, peppers, sweetcorn	£10.50	£12.50	£16.50
AMERICAN HOT pepperoni, onion, chillies, peppers	£9.50	£11.50	£15.50
VEGI MAX HOT mushroom, onion, peppers, jalapenos, sweetcorn	£9.50	£11.50	£15.50
CHICKEN HOT tandoori chicken, mushroom, chilies, peppers	£9.50	£11.50	£15.50
SPICY INDIANA chicken tikka, jalapenos, peppers, fresh tomato	£9.50	£11.50	£15.50
MEXICANA mexicana chicken, pineapple chillies, peppers	£9.50	£11.50	£15.50

Buy One 16" Get Two 10" FREE upto same value
Buy One Get One FREE upto same value
FREE 1.5 Litre Soft Drink with every order over £16

Side Orders

Garlic Bread (4 pieces)	£1.50
Onion Rings (10 pieces)	£1.30
Garlic Mushrooms & Dip	£2.00
Potato Skins (5 pieces)	£2.70
Potato Wedges	£2.00
French Fries	£1.00

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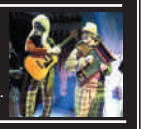
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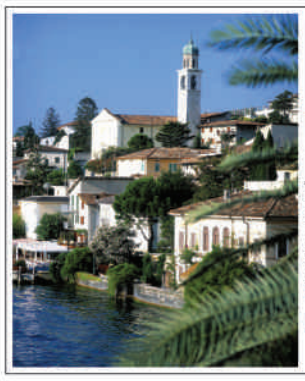

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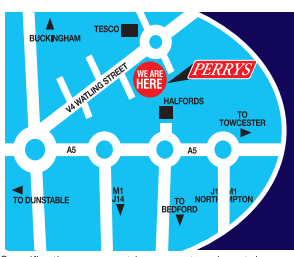

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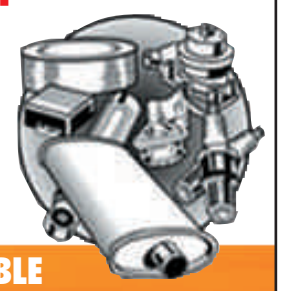

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DONS STATS **RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

AUGUST F A
11 Bury (H) 1-2
14 Ipswich Town (Carling Cup) (H) 3-3
Dons win 5-3 on penalties
18 Macclesfield (A) 3-3
25 Shrewsbury (H) 3-0
28 Sheff Utd (CC) (H) (AET) 2-3

SEPTEMBER
1 Rochdale (A) 2-3
7 Notts County (H) 3-0
15 Brentford (A) 3-0
22 Darlington (H) 1-0
29 Morecambe (A) 1-0

OCTOBER
2 Mansfield (A) 2-1
6 Bradford (H) 2-1
9 Peterborough (JPT) (H) 3-1
14 Lincoln City (H) 4-0
20 Hereford (A) 1-0
27 Stockport (H) 0-2

NOVEMBER
3 Wycombe (A) 1-1
6 Grimsby (H) 2-0
10 Crewe (FA Cup) (A) 1-2
13 Bournemouth (JPT) (A) 2-0
17 Chester (A) 2-0
24 Chesterfield (H) 1-2

DECEMBER
4 Dagenham & Redbridge (A) 1-0
8 Accrington (H) 5-0
15 Peterborough (A) 2-1
21 Brentford (H) 1-1
26 Notts County (A) 2-1
29 Darlington (A)

JANUARY
1 Mansfield (H)
5 Rotherham (A)
8 Gillingham (JPT) (A)
12 Barnet (H)
19 Wrexham (A)
26 Rochdale (H)
29 Macclesfield (H)

FEBRUARY
2 Bury A)
9 Rotherham (H)
12 Shrewsbury (A)
16 Wrexham (H)
23 Barnet A)

MARCH
1 Chester (H)
8 Grimsby (A)
12 Chesterfield (A)
15 Dag & Red H)
22 Peterborough (H)
24 Accrington (A)
29 Hereford (H)

APRIL
4 Lincoln City (A)
12 Wycombe (H)
19 Stockport (A)
26 Bradford (A)

MAY
3 Morecambe (H)

LEAGUE TWO TABLE

		HOME					AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	**MK Dons**	**22**	**7**	**1**	**3**	**23**	**8**	**8**	**2**	**1**	**20**	**10**	**25**	**48**
2	Hereford	22	5	3	3	17	11	7	3	1	20	11	15	42
3	Darlington	20	5	5	0	16	5	6	2	2	19	6	24	40
4	Peterborough	22	7	2	2	26	12	5	2	4	12	12	14	40
5	Rotherham	21	7	2	2	22	14	4	5	1	11	7	12	40
6	Chesterfield	21	3	5	2	14	11	7	2	2	21	11	13	37
7	Wycombe	22	7	3	1	17	7	3	3	5	12	19	3	36
8	Chester	21	4	3	4	16	12	6	2	2	18	14	8	35
9	Shrewsbury	22	7	1	3	20	11	3	3	5	12	16	5	34
10	Morecambe	21	5	2	3	15	12	4	4	3	14	13	4	33
11	Rochdale	19	3	3	3	10	10	5	4	1	17	13	4	31
12	Accrington S	22	4	0	7	12	18	5	2	4	13	15	-8	29
13	Barnet	21	4	5	2	16	14	3	2	5	10	16	-4	28
14	Stockport	22	3	3	5	20	19	4	3	4	15	18	-2	27
15	Bradford	21	4	3	3	10	11	2	3	6	14	17	-4	24
16	Bury	21	3	3	5	11	11	3	2	5	14	16	-2	23
17	Brentford	22	2	2	7	9	19	4	3	4	12	17	-15	23
18	Notts County	21	4	2	5	12	14	1	5	4	10	16	-8	22
19	Macclesfield	22	2	5	4	13	16	2	5	4	12	19	-10	22
20	Grimsby	22	2	4	5	11	17	3	2	6	12	18	-12	21
21	Lincoln City	22	3	2	6	14	21	2	1	8	9	18	-16	18
22	Dag & Red	22	2	4	5	11	18	2	2	7	8	21	-20	18
23	Mansfield	20	4	1	4	16	11	0	3	8	7	17	-5	16
24	Wrexham	21	2	2	7	6	18	2	1	7	8	17	-21	15

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PREVIEWS

DARLINGTON
League Two
Saturday, December 29. KO 3pm
Darlington Arena

EIGHT points separate Darlington and the Dons but this is another top-of-the-table clash which holds vital points in the race for promotion.

It has been a quiet month for the Quakers, they have played just three games in December and scored nine goals in the process.

In comparision the Dons have played five games in the last four weeks and are unbeaten this month.

The Christmas fixtures have not fallen kindly for Dave Penney's men, they were held to a 1-1 draw with fifth place Rotherham and now face the prospect of hosting the league leaders.

Luke Howell will want to keep his place in the Dons' starting line up but Drissa Diallo will be available after serving his two match ban and will be itching to slot back into the right-back position.

MANSFIELD TOWN
League Two
Tuesday, January 1. KO 3pm
stadiummk

THE New year kicks off with a visit from Mansfield Town.

Exactly half-way through the season, the Dons will be hoping it is much of the same for the next 23 matches.

Whereas Mansfield will be fighting tooth and nail to climb as far away from the bottom two as possible.

It has been a tough campaign for the Stags but they pulled off one of the shock results of the week when they beat high flying Peterborough 2-0.

The win will have lifted their spirits and they will hope it starts a run of results to take them clear of danger.

Paul Ince will be hoping Kevin Gallen and Sean O'Hanlon recover from knocks picked up at Notts County in time for the game.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

THREE Dons players have had their loans extended with non-league clubs.

Kieran Murphy, Sam Page and Sam Collins have all been signed up for longer spells with their respective clubs.

Murphy will stay with Crawley Town until January 13, under the guidance of manager Steve Evans, while defenders Collins and Page have extended their stint with Hendon.

Page will remain with the Isthmian Premier Division side until January, 15 and Collins will return on January, 20.

THE Dons have been awarded the F&C Investments Performance of the Week for their 2-1 win at Peterborough.

Skipper Keith Andrews collected the award, which is given every week to the best performance from the Premier League and Football League.

The winner is selected by a panel from the League Manager Association which is chaired by Howard Wilkinson and consists of Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson, Joe Royle, Dave Bassett and Peterborough director of football Barry Fry.

PAUL Ince is hoping the Dons' strong travelling support continues as his side face a tough trip to Darlington this weekend.

591 fans went to the Boxing Day fixture against Notts County and Ince made a point of walking over with his players and acknowledge their support.

"They come all the time to support us, they sing and it's important as a team that we go over and show our appreciation. I look forward to seeing them again at Darlington on Saturday," he said.

MK DONS v **BRENTFORD** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Above: Kevin Gallen shields the ball from Matthew Haywood
Left: Simon Brown fires just wide as the Dons press for a winner
Far left: Dons players pay their respects to chairman Pete Winkelman's mother who died on December 14

Buzzing Bees

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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KEVIN Gallen bagged his second goal in as many games to ensure MK Dons grabbed a point from a battling Brentford side.

In recent weeks the Bees have been in disarray, with manager Terry Butcher receiving the chop following a run of bad results and chief executive Keith Dickens standing down days later.

But they brushed aside their problems and provided the Dons with a real scare by taking a shock lead after 16 minutes.

Up to that point the visitors had looked like spectators, watching the Dons press forward with a few attempts at goal.

However, to the surprise of the home side, caretaker manager Andy Scott saw Alan Connell fire in the opener against the run of play.

A terrific throughball caught the defence napping allowing Lee Thorpe to go one-on-one with Willy Gueret, but he fired straight at the Dons' keeper. The ball was never fully cleared and Connell was on hand to slot it home from seven yards.

Moments later Lloyd Dyer was unlucky not to find the back of the net when his close-range effort was stopped on the line by Ben Starosta.

The Bees were holding their own and should have doubled their lead before the break when Glen Poole's low drive went straight into the body of Gueret.

The last chance of the half fell to Mark Wright, with Jude Stirling whipping in a cross from the right, but the winger could not get the touch he needed to test Brown in goal.

A second-half fight back was needed from the Dons and skipper Andrews almost helped them on their way on the 63rd minute.

Skipper Keith Andrews created the leveller when he managed to find space at the right of the box, after turning inside a Bees defender, then squared the ball for Gallen who was left with a simple tap in for his second goal in as many matches.

Former Dons midfield Gary Smith almost gifted his old club a winner in the second minute of added time when he scuffed a clearance from Wright's cross and left his keeper scrambling across the line to ensure they did not suffer a late defeat.

MK DONS

MK DONS v **NOTTS COUNTY**

Top: Dons' first goal scorer Mark Wright in ariel battle with Neil Mackenzie
Above: Jemal Johnson is mobbed by Keith Andrews and Matt Carbon as Notts County defenders lament the Dons' injury-time winner
Right: Luke Howell gets in a tackle on Myles Weston

Dons are Johnstone's Paint Ultras

MK Johnstones Leyland Decorating Centre manager, Dean Jackson with Keith Andrews (left) and Danny Swailes (right)

MK Dons have picked up the 'Ultra Team of the Round' award following the area quarter final stage of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

They progressed through to the area final, where they will meet Gillingham on Tuesday, January 8, after easing to a 2-0 win against AFC Bournemouth.

And it was that performance against the League One side that earned the Dons the award.

Captain Keith Andrews praised his side for their over all strength and team spirit, he said: "We played some very good football. The way we defended at times epitomises the spirit that the manager has instilled at this club. The back five we've got are a different class at the moment.

"We fight for each other, we want to win, we encourage each other and nobody is above anybody. To be awarded the Ultra Team of the Round trophy is a fantastic accolade to the team performance on the night."

The strong performance, and their position in League Two has made the Dons a strong contender to lift the prestigious silver plate Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

ICE HOCKEY

Win the jam in a turkey sandwich

MK Lightning paid the price for their week of busy fixtures losing two and winning one.

Just before Christmas Lightning snatched a victory at Wightlink Raiders, but that was sandwiched between defeats to Slough Jets and Guildford Flames.

The most dramatic game came on Saturday when MK hosted the Jets and it went all the way to overtime before the visitors eventually claimed the points on penalties.

Two power play moments in the first period allowed Lightning to take a 2-0 lead through Toni Alasaarela and Greg Randall after four minutes.

But Slough showed they were keen for a battle as Blaz Emersic and Michael Bowman both squeezed the puck passed goalie Barry Hollyhead within three minutes to pull the scores level.

Jamie Milton was set up by Jan Krajicek to put Slough ahead for the first time in the match, yet Ales Parez hit back to make honours even going into the second period.

It remained a tight game in the second with the only goal coming courtesy of Milton which set up a tense final period.

Steve Moria grabbed the Jets' fourth after Milton had claimed his hat-trick four minutes into the period.

Once again the game was far from over as Lightning struck back through Adam Radmall and Randell to take it into overtime.

But that is where the fightback ended for MK as they slipped to defeat in penalties.

On Sunday, Lightning looked like they had run out of steam as they slipped 3-1 down in the first period, but it was a wake-up call and Gary Clarke, Kurt Irvine and Alasaarela managed to take the scores level minutes into the third period.

The winning goal came from Alasaarela five minutes later and they were able to shut up shop to claim the two points.

Greg Randall is pumped up after scoring for against Slough Jets Pic: Jezz Tebbitts

Boxing Day dealt the second defeat in five days as the Flames claimed a 4-3 win to conclude the cup group round.

Lightning got on the board first with a Nick Poole strike, but Lukas Smital replied to even the score. Adam Carr netted to restore his side's edge, but a David Savage goal just 20 seconds later ensured the lead would not last long and both sides went to the first break on even terms.

The Flames took their first lead of the afternoon when Vinny Zavoral scored his first of two, but with fewer than two minutes into the second period Michael Wales equalized leaving it all to play for in the final frame. At 45:55 Zavoral scored the game winner to give the Flames the win

Despite the loss Lightning qualify at the top of the table.

■ Lightning host Telford at Planet Ice on Saturday, the league fixture will face-off at 7pm.

BASKETBALL

Lions unbeaten in six

MARSHALL MK LIONS 89
Griffin 17, Williams 14, New 13
CHESHIRE JETS 75
Obazuaye 22, Myers/Pratt 16

THE Lions extended their unbeaten run to six games in all competitions as they claimed victory over Cheshire Jets in their opening game of the BBL Trophy stages campaign.

In a game where the home side never trailed, it was Kevin Griffin and Michael New who got the Lions going to put them ahead 13-7 early on, and the Lions held a 27-22 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Both sides traded baskets throughout the second period, but the Lions maintained a five-point advantage at 47-42 going in at half-time.

In the second half the Jets begin to edge into the Lions lead, but back-to-back three-pointers to close out the third period maintained the deficit to six points at 63-57 going into the final stanza.

In the final period, it was the home side who began to pull away from their visitors with some tremendous three-point shooting from Dru Spinks and Yorrick Williams as the Lions edged out to a 72-64 lead. Griffin made sure of the victory for the Lions as he netted the last four points of the game to hand Milton Keynes the victory.

Griffin led the Lions' scoring with 17 points, but it was Jason Obazuaye who led all scorers in the game bagging 22 points personal for the Jets.

■ The Lions are back in action on Friday, January 4 when they host Plymouth Raiders in the BBL Trophy. Tip-off 7.30pm.

MKSPORTSSHORTS

Local football

THE local football continued over the festive period, with STONY STRATFORD TOWN cramming in two fixtures.

They lost their first South Midlands league one tie against Royston Town 3-2, and drew 1-1 with Arlesey Athletic.

NEW BRADWELL ST PETER has a better week with a 4-0 win away to Brache Sparta, while BUCKINGHAM ATHLETIC drew 3-3 with Haringey Borough.

CANFIELD UNIVERSITY lost 1-0 to Bedford Town Reserves.

In division two OLD BRADWELL UNITED lost 2-4 to Totternhoe and 3-1 to Pitstone and Ivinghoe, meanwhile MURSLEY UNITED slipped to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of the 61 FC.

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN had a bad week in the United Counties premier division, losing 4-0 to Holbeach United and 2-1 to Long Buckby.

In division one OLNEY TOWN beat Bugbrooke St Michaels 2-1 and Buckingham Town 2-0.

Lonely Olney

OLNEY were the only side in action on the rugby front as they carried their form from the league to Long Buckby.

They only just edged the victory with the score line reading 19-11 in their favour but had the Long Buckby's fly-half been in form it could have been a different story.

Six penalty kicks were failed to be converted by Long Buckby, and with prop Ed Bowden and Matthew Rawlins crossing the line and Tim Hacker kicking the remaining points Olney claimed the win.

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Dons riding high into the New Year

LEAGUE TABLE PAGE 46

No 'smash and grab' despite late winner

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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Last gasp: Jemal Johnson (right and above being congratulated by Lloyd Dyer) fires in the winner in injury-time against Notts County on Boxing Day

LAST season MK Dons conceded an injury-time header at Meadow Lane and left with a point, this time round they scored a late goal and left with all three.

The last-gasp winner came courtesy of Jemal Johnson who managed to get a touch on Drewe Broughton's flick on to claim what Paul Ince described as a 'thoroughly deserved' victory.

Coming in the first minute of added time it really was the last chance to snatch the win, but it was far from a smash and grab.

The Dons were so dominant in the first half even boss Ince admitted his side should have been miles in front.

"The first 45 minutes we were absolutely out of this world, the way we played football, the way we cut them open, the only disappointment was that we didn't get the four or five goals that we deserved."

Despite their possession and early chances it was County who struck the back of the net first, with Andy Parkinson demonstrating some flair down the flank before delivering an inch perfect cross for Richard Butcher to head home.

The Magpies never looked like they would keep hold of the lead, especially when Colin Cameron and Mark Wright, who are both revelling in their new attacking roles, were bombing forward.

Fifteen minutes in and the Dons were back on level terms thanks to Wright tapping in Lloyd Dyer's cross, via an assist from Kevin Gallen.

A flying header from Cameron deserved to put the Dons ahead, but it was denied by the left post much to the relief of Magpies' keeper Kevin Pilkington.

Despite dominating the first-half it remained 1-1 at the interval and Ince admitted he struggled with his half-time team talk.

"When they came in I was lost for words, I didn't know what to say to the lads because they played that well.

"It was hard the second-half because I think we knew mentally that we should have put the game to bed before half-time and it became a bit of a battle."

The home side's only chance of note in the second half was a header from substitute Jason Lee, but Willy Gueret comfortably saved.

Then the Dons' very own super subs played their instrumental part in their second goal, and while the travelling fans erupted Ince double checked the linesman had not ruled it out.

"I wasn't sure if it was off-side, I was waiting for the flag to go up. I was pleased that JJ (Johnson) got the winner."

The vital win, and points dropped elsewhere, leaves the Dons six points clear at the top ahead of their meeting this weekend at Darlington.

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